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County

Petition not sufficient

by Carla Victor

Angry outbursts from county residents prompted Reeve Ian Harvie to call on two Special Constables to restore order during a special meeting, at Mountain View County council chambers, Jan. 21.

The meeting was held to announce the sufficiency of a 1,775 name petition that called for the halt of construction of a new administration building.

County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude's statement that the petition was not sufficient prompted outbursts from angry ratepayers and County Councillor Dave Derksen.

Special Constables were on hand, ready to do whatever was necessary to calmly restore order, at what many expected to be an explosive meeting had the decision not gone the way petitioners wanted.

MVC Council received the decision from Johnsrude at the same time as the gallery.

"We weren't sure how a meeting like that would unfold," said Johnsrude, when asked if constables were instructed to be on hand for the meeting.

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photo by Tamara Collins

Train derails in Didsbury

Monday morning at approximately 11:05 am, a CP Rail freight heading southbound derailed in Didsbury by Masterfeeds. No one was injured. Approximately 15 container cars left the tracks, none were carrying dangerous goods. The incident is under investigation by the CP Rail Police service, the Transportation and Safety Board and the Didsbury RCMP.

CESD one of Alberta's top school jurisdictions

by Tamara Collins

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD), has been announced as one of Alberta's top four school jurisdictions among the province's 60 school divisions when it comes to improved student achievement.

"We are very honoured," said Roy Brassard, chair CESD board. "The credit goes to everyone in Chinook's Edge; students, teachers, parents, bus drivers, school support staff, and division staff. We've all worked together to see that student results continue to im-

prove every year, and that our actions and decisions show that students come first."

The Division was selected as a result of a study commissioned by a Canadian organization called the Society for the Advancement of Excellence in Education (SAFE). Research-

ers looked at various data from Alberta's 60 school divisions from 1998 to 2003, including provincial achievement test results and diploma exam results. After examining the data, Chinook's Edge was selected as one of the top four "consistently improving" districts. Once se-

lected, SAFE conducted a thorough search of the division's policy and leadership structure. They also interviewed focus groups with the division's leaders, school leaders, teachers and parents.

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NEWS

IN THE COURTS Lawyer challenges RCMP paperwork

Lawyer challenges RCMP paperwork

The defence lawyer for an Olds man on trial for driving under the influence has challenged the admissibility as evidence of the certificate documenting the results of a breathalyzer test administered after he was arrested.

Kenneth Watson was charged last July 18, and has pleaded not guilty.

At the beginning of his trial before Justice Ian Kirkpatrick in Provincial Circuit Court in Didsbury, Jan. 21, RCMP Const. Cindee Moore testified that she pulled Watson over after observing him leave the Blue Yak, a popular Olds bar, and drive his vehicle through a playground zone without apparently slowing down to the posted 30 km speed limit. When he failed a roadside sobriety test and balked at her recommendation of a 24-hour suspension, she detained him and took him to the RCMP Didsbury detachment for a breathalyzer. However, when asked, under cross-examination by Watson's lawyer Will Wilms, to verify that the carbon copy of a certificate containing the test results given to Watson the night of his arrest was an exact copy of the certificate tendered as an exhibit in the trial, Const. Moore said she "did not check every line" of the copy before giving it to the accused man.

Wilms then objected to the document being admitted as evidence because, he argued, "an exact copy must be presented to an accused" and Const. Moore's testimony was insufficient evidence that Watson had been accorded his right in this case.

Justice Kirkpatrick has adjourned the trial while the Crown prosecutor and Mr. Wilms prepare formal briefs on the issue. A date to resume the trial will be set Jan. 26.

"Drinking doesn't agree with you"

A Provincial Court judge has advised a 22-year-old man to stay away from alcohol while on probation after sending him to a day in jail for kicking in a glass door during a confrontation with bar staff at the Dominion Hotel in Carstairs last May 17. "You are getting a break," Mr. Justice Ian Kirkpatrick told Steven Longland in Provincial Circuit Court.

Longland pleaded guilty to doing the damage as he was being evicted from the bar.

The Court heard that he is on probation for break and enter convictions.

"If you are on probation, don't

drink. It doesn't agree with you," Justice Kirkpatrick advised. In addition to paying the hotel for the damage, court heard that Longland has been employed full time for three years at the same job. He lives with his mother, who came to court with him for the sentencing.

Lack of transportation and stupidity

A former Didsbury man who failed to report to his probation officer last October, then dropped out of sight of the authorities for several weeks after moving to Calgary said "lack of transportation and stupidity" account for his errant behaviour.

Shawn Perrault pleaded guilty and was fined a total of \$344 for two probation breaches in Provincial Circuit Court in Didsbury.

He is on probation for convictions related to credit card fraud. Perrault explained to Mr. Justice Ian Kirkpatrick that he did not have transportation to get to his probation appointments in Didsbury and admitted that he neglected to advise the office of his move to Calgary, as he is required to do. However, he said, his probation order has been transferred to Calgary, where he is current with his reporting requirements. While the Crown prosecutor acknowledged the dilemma Perrault faced, he asked for a "sentence with consequences."

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According to SAFE, "the central question posed by the study is whether the four consistently improving districts had certain characteristics that might be associated with their success."

"While research tells us a great deal about effective schools and teachers, much less is known about best practice at the district level. That makes this study significant," said Helen Raham, executive director, SAFE. "The evidence highlighted by this research will be of interest to Canadian school district leaders everywhere, who seek consistent improvement across their schools and will invite thoughtful comparison with their own experi-

ence."

SAFE's research showed factors that influence student success in CESD include a strong vision and values that are known and practised by the board, by division and school staff members. The study also cited the division's value for taking risks balanced with measurement and accountability. SAFE also recorded that CESD practices a high degree of collaboration, and stakeholders have "meaningful involvement" in decision-making.

When conducting interviews for the study, researchers asked a number of CESD employees why they believed the division had seen consistent improvement in student achievement. According to the researchers, "a tabulation

of the most frequent responses is revealing. It highlights five features, professional development, trust and empowerment, leadership, the way in which AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) projects were handled, and the focus on results."

"I'm excited about this study because it proves that our emphasis on continuous improvement in student learning has been effective," said Jim Gibbons, CESD superintendent. "This study allows us all to reflect on what we've accomplished. As well, it gives us a guide to the future. We'll be able to examine the results to determine what practices we will continue, and what we will seek to improve."

Correction:

The construction company who reconstructed the front of Didsbury Drugs is called Bourgeois Construction.

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NEWS

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY
TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATIONShea resigned
from MVTA

Arnie Shea

by Tamara Collins

Sundre resident Arnie Shea has officially resigned from the Mountain View Taxpayers Association (MVTA).

This resignation comes at a time when the MVTA is up against the County in an ongoing battle to stop a new County administration building from being built for the estimated \$4.4 - \$4.8 million.

"Henry (Kuelker) has had a handle on it since 1999," said Shea. "I did not attend meetings after the November work shops because the building committee was well organized and I was dealing with the law suit."

Shea's decision to resign was made for a number of reasons.

"Some of us realized last fall that local governance practices (rural municipalities in particular) would not improve without changing the policies they work under. Namely, the Municipal Government Act," said Shea. "Local governments do not have an opposing party to keep the majority or ruling party in line. They often become dictatorial and are often controlled by administrable over-power. There have been over 150 amendments to the Act that was an amalgamation of about 15 separate Acts and it forgot about and actually orphaned citizens by taking away the overseers of affective democracy."

Shea went on to say that the local MLA will not "interfere" with local issues because it is political suicide to do so. Municipal Affairs will not intervene unless you have 20% of the voters petitioned and the Ombudsman has no authority over Municipalities. Shea has letters from almost every official Provincial department. Shea feels local residents live or die by the individuals you vote for and if you make a mis-

take you change it every three years. It seems an injustice happens quickly and the repair could take forever?

"Small rural counties abused the worst, possibly, because, their selection of qualified representatives were small compared to the urban centres that selected from a larger population and maybe more a more versified crop. It may be that our County borders need to expand and our divisions made larger so we have a larger number to chose from," said Shea. "However, the only way to have fair governing you must have an opposing force. Possibly, when the Council selects their Reeve, once a year, they should divide the council by drawing from a hat who should be the Indian and who should be the Cowboy. They did this in the new territorial government. Then change sides once a year just to keep rivalry and fair governance in play. The hand book for Councillors advocates team work. Teams, parties, groups tend to all support one cause and have a herd mentality and it kills the real meaning of democracy."

The MVTA annual meeting will be held next month and the association will then elect new board members.

"I had a very difficult time breaking away and it tore me for several months, but I must devote more time to my personal life," said Shea. "I will always have a deep respect for the alliances I became part of, namely the individuals who have been hurt by bad or biased governing in this county. I will take strong evidence forward to present to the Provincial overseers that prove we need a controlling influence at the local level to protect our small society from "spite" governance."



photos by Carla Victor

The gallery of Mountain View County residents applaud Dave Derksen's speech.

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"I indicated to them (special constables) there were members of the gallery who weren't following the instructions of the Reeve and order needed to be restored," said Johnsrude.

Order was restored without incident after the meeting was recessed, but not before Derksen and Harvie had their say.

When the report from Johnsrude was accepted by council, Derksen spoke out, encouraging council to do as the petition asked, even though it wasn't sufficient.

"We have gone through this for the second time (referring to a 2001 petition which forced a non-binding plebiscite question to be added to municipal ballot, asking residents if they wanted a new administration building, which 75 per cent voted no to). What I fail to understand is that either was not enough."

"I've been on council 24 years, I cannot understand why we don't allow these people to have this vote and let the chips fall where they may," said Derksen.

"I believe we are treating our constituents with disrespect if we do not allow this to go for a vote."

Harvie, who said he anticipated Derksen's comments, made it perfectly clear that he and the rest of the council, are following the wishes of the ratepayers in their division.

"I fully anticipated your comments and I'm speaking for the more than half out there who do not share (your opinion)," said Harvie, before reiterating the timeline of the more than four years leading up to this moment.

"There are accusations that council did not honour what was on that (2001) ballot and it needs to be very clear, council did honour the results of that ballot."

He explained that council approved a motion to rescind a previous motion to build a new building (following the wishes of the first petition). Harvie said numerous public meetings were held to get comment on what to do with the administration building and there was enough comment from ratepayers asking council to re-think building new. The first time council voted to build new, they were just looking at a new building on their present site in Didsbury.

Now, because of new information, council has once again decided to build new, but on land they own near Olds/Didsbury Airport.

Speaking to Derksen's comments, Harvie said he viewed it as grandstanding.

"I was concerned by Mr. Derksen's grandstanding. A councillor is certainly entitled to his opinion in the process on the table but once a decision is made it becomes a council decision. Whether you are for or against it as a councillor you are obligated to go forward with that decision."

"I felt he (Derksen) was playing to re-election comments, totally."

Derksen's comments toward council prompted applause from gallery members.

When asked if he was surprised or disappointed by the gallery's remarks to council, Harvie answered: "I expected it."

"This is a fairly charged issue for many people so there is going to be high levels of frustration and that was expressed at the meet-

ing. I fully expected that, in saying that, they (Mountain View Taxpayers' Association) have to understand this is not a heckle session," said Harvie.

Outbursts from numerous people in the gallery, including MVTA members, Murray Marsh, Henry Kuelker and Arnie Shea, yelled insults and allegations at council (as a whole) and particularly Harvie and Johnsrude.

Henry Kuelker, chairperson of the petition committee for Mountain View Taxpayers Association, said he is not particularly proud of the way the he, the gallery or the council acted during the meeting.

"It wasn't very nice really, people in those positions shouldn't shout at each other, call each other liars and stuff like that," said Kuelker explaining it to the level of frustration out there.

"We will see a whole new council at this table after the next election," yelled one person.

"They may get a whole new council," said Harvie, after the meeting, "but those people will still have to follow the rules and regulations set out for them by county and provincial bylaws."

Council passed a motion to make an application to the Court of Queen's Bench to get a declaration concerning the decision that was brought forward by Johnsrude.

"Basically we want to validate the decision (to deem the petition not sufficient)," said Johnsrude.

Mountain View Taxpayers' Association will take direction from the Court of Queen's Bench before they make any decisions regarding the findings of the petition.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Footprints



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

Writing the story about Crystal Meredith was an emotional time for me. The hardest part was talking with her mother, Lynne, and hearing the pain in her voice.

It amazes me that any one family can go through so much pain and suffering. Why does this happen to people? I guess all we can do is pray for them and hope for the best.

Life is so precious, and hearing this story makes you realize it more than ever. It is hard not to take things for granted when things are going good, or even when things are not so good. There will always be someone out there who is worse off. Life can change at

any time, you can be swept off your feet and thrown from the life you presently know.

In the morning take a deep breath, and be glad you are here to enjoy it. In the afternoon take a look around you, and be glad for your job, your friends, your health. At night look around at your family, hug them, tell them you love them. And when you go to bed at night, say a prayer for the Merediths. This is not some far away family, this is a family who lives right here in Didsbury. I am sure we have all heard this one, but I am going to share it with you anyways.

One night I had a dream.

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with God and across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two pairs of footprints in the sand one belonging to me and the other to God. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at times along the path of life there was only one set of footprints. I noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of my life. This really bothered me and I questioned God about it. "God, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way but I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you most, you would leave me." God replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and I would never, never leave you during your times of trials and suffering. When you see only one set of footprints it was then that I carried you." Anon.

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley
Condo Living

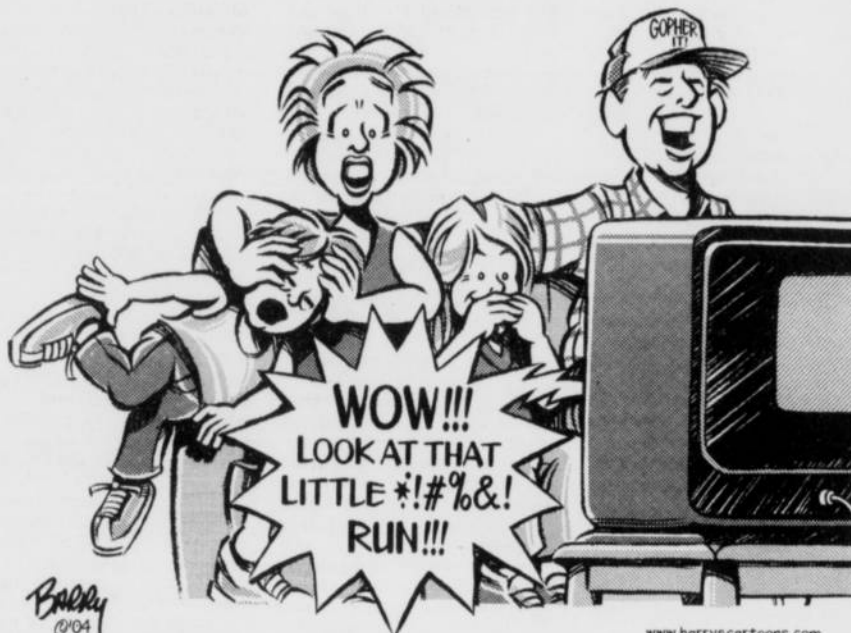
After walking through our decision to move to a Condo, having garage sales as we downsized, and the final selling of our home, you deserve to have an update on our new abode.

We made the transition very well, the things we felt were important, we had ample room for, the adjusting and reorganizing the advantages, took over any doubts we may ever have had about our decision.

Twice monthly, the residents get together for coffee and tea in the Common Room, there are always various activities, such as exercise equipment, jig saw puzzles on the go, and games donated by residents that keep us occupied, whenever we have a spare moment. There are always those times of short get-togethers in each others rooms, we cannot complain of being lonely. All these additional things are over and above our former commitments; so we are well taken care of, time wise.

Yes, our decision was the right one for us, and most of us in the Condo would agree, we are all very thankful and feel blessed to have things work as they have done. We have seen the hand of God leading us through our many decisions and adjustments, and we give thanks.

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MYRON THOMPSON

Thompson Announces Candidacy For Wild Rose



Myron Thompson,
Member of Parliament

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, today officially announced that he would be seeking the Conservative Party of Canada nomination for Wild Rose.

"I have been touring the riding for the past few weeks, talking with members and meeting constituents, and I'm excited about the new party's prospects in this riding. Those that I have spoken with have

asked that I continue to work hard on their behalf, both in Ottawa, as well as within the ranks of the new Conservative Party," said an ecstatic Thompson.

"It has been an absolute honour to serve the residents of Wild Rose, and I hope to continue my tradition of strong representation for another four years"

Myron Thompson
Member of Parliament

"I firmly believe that my experience in dealing with the Ottawa bureaucracy, as well as my strong commitment to the values of Wild Rose mean that I can continue to work

effectively on behalf of all constituents of Wild Rose under the Conservative Party banner."

Throughout his ten years in Parliament, Thompson has been renowned for his willingness to stand firm on tough issues, as well as his comprehensive commitment to ensure that the concerns of Wild Rose have been heard at the federal level. Thompson has maintained close relations with the riding while fighting for conservative principles in Ottawa. He has posted a website at www.votemyron.com for those interested in learning more about this campaign, or whos wish to become members in the new party.

"It has been an absolute honour to serve the residents of Wild Rose, and I hope to continue my tradition of strong representation for another four years"



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FROM THE MAILBAG

The Great Meat Robbery

Dear Editor: Please print this letter in your newspaper. The issues that it raises are of great concern to me and my farm and to farmers and citizens across Canada.

The Great Meat Robbery

The indirect subsidy of transnational beef packing corporations—mainly Tyson and Cargill—is unjustified and unprecedented. These packers are enriching themselves by driving down cattle prices to farmers and forcing taxpayers to step in to save our farms. Taxpayers' money is now needed to help save cattle farmers because packers refused to pay a reasonable price for cattle.

The retail price for beef has fallen very little and, in some cases, not at all. Bottom line: retailers and packers are taking huge profits and continue to do so. Grocery stores are advertising extra-lean ground beef at \$2.88 per pound and beef sausages at \$1.98. These

products are made from our culled cows and bulls. Packers are paying farmers 10¢ to 23¢ per pound for those animals! And these are the animals that recent federal and provincial programs are aimed at subsidizing. *The taxpayers of Canada are indirectly subsidizing the packers and retailers, although the cheques are made payable to farmers.*

There is no doubt about it, beef producers need help. Nearly every farm sector needs help: hogs, sheep and lambs, grain, buffalo, elk, and beef. Only the supply-managed dairy and poultry sectors continue to stand on their own. Maybe we need to take a look at their successes.

If we take a look at what has happened in the past, we see that the Alberta Government has learned little from their own programs. For example, in the fall of 1996, there was a lot of tough and damp grain in Alberta and most of it needed to be dried. The Alberta government made a payment to producers to offset the high cost of propane. The energy companies quickly raised their prices, snatched a big chunk of that public money for themselves, and padded their profits. This is exactly what packers are doing today.

Transnational fertilizer manufacturers play a similar game. These corporations admit that they price according to what the market will bear. When grain prices rise, fertilizer companies raise their

price to snatch any additional revenue right out of farmers' jeans. Whether farmers gain additional revenue from the markets or from government payments, powerful transnationals, unrestrained by any real competition, are poised there to snatch away farmers' profits.

Farmers don't need pity from governments or the general public. What we need is our proper share of the billions of dollars that consumers already pay for food. The so-called market-driven economy that governments and economists like to talk about doesn't include farmers. If it did, farmers wouldn't be receiving just 10¢ to 23¢ per pound for cows and bulls while consumers pay \$2.88 per pound for hamburger. Canadian farmers grow the best produce in the world, yet farmers' prices have increased little in the past 25 years. We are growing food at unsustainable prices. The entire agri-food chain is operating on the back of the family farm—profiting on the back of the family farm. Until we restore real competition in the packing and other agri-biz sectors, this corporate profiteering will continue.

The Alberta government and the very groups that claim to represent producers—such as the Alberta Beef Producers—are complicit in this great packer and retailer rip-off. By refusing to talk about packer and retailer power, by refusing to act to

ensure adequate competition between these giant transnationals, by refusing to inquire into who is pocketing the vast sums that consumers pay for beef and other foods, these "leaders" are holding open the door while the corporations plunder farmers and consumers alike.

Dale Fankhanel
Cattle, hog, and grain farmer

ALBERTA WINTER GAMES FEMALE HOCKEY TRYOUT CAMP January 2, 3, 4, 2004 Didsbury Memorial Complex

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Jenny Collinge		

These volunteers truly rose to the challenge and they represented our community so well.

THANKS SO MUCH!

Rhonda Hunter, Hockey Alberta
Zone 2 Female Hockey
Director of Operations



Don't you hate that crap

Dear Editor,

I have been a resident of Didsbury for little over a year and I have also been a dog owner for nine years. Being a dog owner I have always enjoyed going on daily walks with my two dogs.

With the spring like weather Didsbury has had recently I have also come to recognize that other dog owners have enjoyed going for daily walks as well. I only know this because of the dog feces that have been left behind. Left behind on sidewalks, resident's front lawn and in Didsbury parks.

I find it appalling that this type of behaviour exists in a small town where residents take pride in the appearance of their businesses and houses. The town of Didsbury has various garbage receptacles throughout the town and parks so there is no need for this type of behaviour.

Dog owners that are doing this, have you forgotten that there is a by-law against this type of behaviour and the subsequent fine is hefty? And if you think you are doing the ground a favour by leaving it there you are mistaken.

Dog feces takes a considerable long time to decompose and work its way into the ground. Please respect the environment, the residents of Didsbury and other dog owners that do make an effort to clean up after their pet.

The next time you grab your dog leash please grab a few plastic bags because no one likes to clean up someone else's crap.

Jodie Gagola

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This is a picture of one block of the main street of Didsbury in 1910. From L to R the stores are W.E. Mowers, general merchants; unknown, Hugh Wesley Chambers, druggist; James M. Reed and J.N. Patton, real estate; Cooper Brother's, general store; J.A. Findlay, harness shop; B.C. Clothing Co.; C.C. Pearson, feed and produce store; William C. Leisemer, hardware store; unknown; J.V. Berscht, shoes and clothing; Alexander Hotel, J. Ford McCarney, prop. The building on the extreme right belonged to Ralph Baron who sold furniture and was also the undertaker.



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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

• MPC: February 11, 2004 • Corporate Services: February 10, 2004

NOTICE

The next meet the taxpayers meeting is February 2, 2004 at 7pm

Reminder: Dog Tags are FREE for the month of January, '04

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

• HO 01-03	22 Westheights Drive	Office in the Home	R1
• DP 01-03	2030-21 Avenue	Demolition	R5

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on February 11, 2004

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

NEWS



CRIME TIP

Llama shot and killed

Didsbury RCMP are investigating the shooting of a 4 year old, brown, female llama on Thursday, January 8TH, 2004 near Didsbury, Alberta. The llama was in a fenced area just 3/4 of a mile South of Didsbury on RR 2.00 and was checked at 12:30 pm. When the owner returned at 4:30 pm, the llama was found collapsed on a nearby hill. Anyone with information on this or any other unsolved crime, please call CRIME STOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). CRIME STOPPERS pays cash rewards up to \$2000.00 for information that leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property or the seizure of illegal drugs. CRIME STOPPERS does not subscribe to call display and your call is always anonymous.

Petition insufficient!

by Carla Victor

A Petition which garnered 1,775 Mountain View County residents' names was deemed insufficient by MVC Commissioner Harold Johnsrude.

Johnsrude, who must follow rules outlined in the Municipal Government Act to deem a petition's sufficiency, announced three reasons why the petition was not sufficient, to council and approximately 30 residents at a special meeting, Jan. 21.

1. The petition was received on December 23, more than 60 days from the resolution made by council to "proceed with option two, that Mountain View County construct a new County Administration Building on land owned by the County at the Olds/Didsbury Airport.

"The heading of the petition makes specific reference to the 'Administration Building' while the remainder of the petition refers to 'any building'. The bylaw requested by the petition is in substance an amendment of Council's resolution of September 24. In order to amend that resolution, the petition, assuming there are sufficient signatures and all of the other technical requirements are compiled with, would have been required to be submitted to the County within 60 days."

2. The petition is petitioning for a bylaw including within Part 8 of the MGA.

"Section 232(2) provides that a petition requesting a new bylaw under Part 8,9,10, or 17

or an amendment or a repeal of a bylaw or a resolution made under part 8, 9, 10 or 17 has no effect. Of specific relevance is Part 8 of the MGA which deals with financial matters including the adoption of both operating and capital budgets. The wording of the petition seeks to limit Council's ability to decide how much money may be spent on any building for a period of time. This is directed at Council's discretion and obligation to prepare and spend in accordance with an approved capital budget pursuant to Part 8. Council has already resolved to include funds for the Administrative Building in the 2004 budget, clearly identifying that the expenditure of the monies will be addressed in the upcoming budget."

3. The petition did not have attached to it a signed statement of a person stating that the person is the representative of the petitioners and the municipality may direct any inquiries about the petition to that representative.

"Section 224(4) states that such a statement as described above is required with a petition.

"Administration has not reviewed in detail the signatures on the petition in terms of the other requirements under the MGA. A brief review has identified some duplications but I conclude that, had the petition not been declared insufficient for the above reasons, there are sufficient number of valid signatures to satisfy the requirements under the MGA."

DEALING WITH MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT



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This article provides general information on legal topics and is not intended to provide legal advice or opinion.

Q. I've fallen behind on my child support payments, and they are going to cancel my driver's licence. Help!

The Maintenance Enforcement Program has wide-ranging powers to enforce child support and spousal support orders. These powers have been given to the Program under federal legislation and in some instances, such as in the case of cancelled drivers' licences, even the Courts cannot reinstate these privileges.

Please note that while it is certainly possible to deal with Maintenance Enforcement yourself, most people find it helpful to retain a lawyer to assist them with the documentation required and to represent them in Court.

You will need a two pronged plan of action to deal with a situation in which your driver's licence has been cancelled:

Firstly: Complete the Debtor's Statement of Finances sent to you by Maintenance Enforcement. Fax the Statement of Finances to Maintenance Enforcement and then set up a payment plan with them. Maintenance Enforcement cannot change child support amount in the Order, so plan on paying this amount even if incorrect or exorbitant, plus some amount towards arrears, for some months, until you are able to change the Order.

Maintenance Enforcement should agree to temporarily lifting the restriction on your licence if there is a payment plan in place and you are making payments.

(If dealing with Maintenance Enforcement makes you hot under the collar, it is a good idea to authorize another person to talk to them for you.)

Secondly: Make an application to Court as soon as possible to have the incorrect / out of date Order changed to reflect your actual income/present circumstances. These applications are called *variation applications* as they vary a previous Order, and have different procedures depending on whether your ex-spouse and yourself were living in a common law relationship or were married.

Information that a judge will want to see will include, at the very least, your income tax return and notices of assessment for the past three years and copies of your pay stubs for the past three months.

The name of the game is documentary proof. If you want the Court to consider the fact that you have been ill, for instance, provide your medical reports, doctors' letters, etc.

You should also ask the judge to state in the order that enforcement action will be suspended while you keep current with your child support payments and with payments towards child support arrears. In addition, ask the Court in your application to consider reducing arrears. Keep in mind however that Courts need very good reason to reduce arrears.

Deal with the situation before it gets out of control

It goes without saying that the quickest and most cost effective way of dealing with a situation such as this is to stop it before it starts.

(a) Attend the child support hearing:

Alberta Courts base child support on the income of the non-custodial parent. Attend all hearings relating to child support or a judge will rely on whatever information is before him and make a child support order that may be based on incorrect information with regard to your income. A child support order can be in place for 18 or more years. It makes sense to get the figures right.

(b) Make sure the Court has your correct income figures:

In addition, if there are additional facts you feel the Court should take into consideration, make sure the judge is aware of them. Obviously this can only happen if either you or your lawyer is present at the hearing.

(c) Make sure that information about a change in circumstances is put before the Court.

Information about a change in circumstances such as illness, disability, unemployment, a reduction in income, or a change in the residence of a child should be put before the Court as soon as possible.

Neighborhood

Local twins publish first book



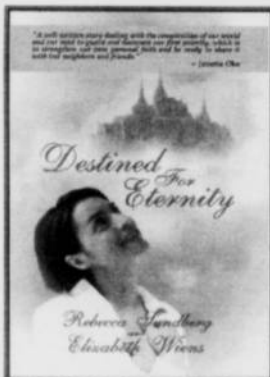
Becky Sundberg and her identical twin sister Beth Wiens, hold up the novel "Destined for Eternity" they wrote together.

photo by Tamara Collins

by Tamara Collins

Local identical twin sisters Beth Wiens and Becky Sundberg have released their first published book this past week. The book is called, "Destined For Eternity".

"Our book is about a Christian who gets caught up in the concerns and affluence of this life and becomes ineffective in sharing her faith with those around her," said Wiens. "Niki Bowers is a young mom who is caught up in the busyness and details of life. When she realizes she is about to die and face her Maker, she knows she is not ready. While in a coma, she interacts with her guardian angel who shows her how her life has gotten off track. Though she is a Christian, she realizes she has been influenced by the world in-



stead of thinking about what's important for eternity."

The women wrote this book to challenge people's priorities and their view of success. They believe in our culture people often look to their big houses, money and accumulation of things to

determine our level of success, and God is not concerned with those things.

"He looks at our hearts and priorities and how we've touched the lives of those around us," said Wiens. "I want people to see God's care and interaction in their lives, and to view life from an eternal perspective. We cannot take all of our possessions to heaven with us, all we can take is our family and friends."

Sundberg went on to say that this is a story about how people allow the wrong priorities to shift their focus away from God and what's truly important.

"How will we feel when one day we have to face Jesus and give an account for how we lived our lives," said Sundberg. "That's the question we want people to think about."

The women started on

this book ten years ago. It is the third book they have written together, but the first to be published.

Wien's aunt, Janette Oke is a well known author who inspired the women to tackle the project, and helped them format it. Oke is presently helping the women endorse the book.

"The most challenging part of writing this book was finding the time and staying focused," said Sundberg.

Between the two women they have seven children. They moved to Didsbury from Ohio to attend the Mountain View Bible College, where they both graduated from.

The book is contemporary, so they did not need to do a lot of research, although their mom, a nurse, helped them with the medical background.

The book was written here in town, except for the final weekend when the women went away to finish it.

The book is for sale at Didsbury Drugs, and can be purchased on-line or through either of the women. Half of the royalties from the book are going towards the Child Evangelicalism Fellowship, a group Wiens and her husband are involved in.

Although the book is about a Christian woman, it is recommended for both Christian and non-Christians.

The women are planning to write more books together.

"We enjoy writing together," said Sundberg. "It keeps things fresh, we take turns writing so it is always exciting to see what happens next."

NEIGHBORHOOD



At The Kitchen Table

by Noreen Olson

Last Sunday, as I was planning appetizers for dinner guests, I made a quick and fruitless search for a Shrimp Ring. I could have sworn that I had one in the little upstairs freezer but there was none there so when we shopped for groceries this week I bought one. I also bought a whole salmon, although friends had just given us two nice pieces and my husband said he thought we had one in the freezer. I didn't remember there being any in the freezer and this one, I reasoned, would be a nice size to cook as my contribution to the W I Ethnic dinner. The lovely fresh pieces from our friends I'm saving for the two of us.

I also bought a flank steak, because it was just the right shape to fit in the slow cooker and miserable winter weather always inspires me to make pot roast. We hardly ever eat bacon but I bought some because it was on sale and I have been thinking of making baked beans. Sirloin steak was on sale as well, it was in a warehouse pack so there was quite a lot of it. When this happens I buy it, trim it up ready for the broiler and pack the serving size pieces in an ice cream pail.

Fortunately lean hamburger was not on sale. I plan to buy about twelve pounds and make up meatballs for my daughter and daughter in law to have on hand when the new babies arrive. I'm not sure why I bought the Lean Links. Maybe because I thought the lean would counteract the bacon. All in all I bought an awful lot of meat for what is usually just two people. The grocery bill was, as usual, enormous.

This morning it was cold and nasty and the birds were trying to get the last bit of sustenance from an almost nonexistent piece of suet. I had to go downstairs to the big freezer to get a new piece and while I was there I did a bit of an inventory. I guess it's official, I'm going to need some kind of counselling.

There are two shrimp rings down there, they are dated April 2003. This means that if you sprinkled salt on an ice cube it would taste about the same as those shrimp. There are now two whole salmon, two ice cream pails full of trimmed steak, one pail of meatballs, one of hamburger patties, three packages of bacon and what looks suspiciously like a bulk piece, lots and lots of hamburger, a beef heart that may be several years old, some ancient beef bones, a whole lot of chicken, some liver, a huge ham in case we have a big crowd and several smaller ones in case the crowd is not so big. There are Lean Links and Farmer sausage, salami and garlic rings, pizza and breaded fish. There is even, I regret to say, a large piece of lutefisk that I have had for several years and have not had the courage to cook.

I was raised in a large family that didn't have any money to spare. We certainly did not go hungry but sometimes our meals were pretty basic and especially in winter we ate a lot of soup and a lot of canned wild meat. The soup was filled with root vegetables and the canned meat was served in it's own gravy, over mashed potatoes and with either beet pickles or a large dollop of relish. The relish was made from onions, cabbage and cucumber and was probably full of vitamins. We had bread puddings, baked apples, canned fruit and baking powder biscuits and all the food was delicious for about the first forty times you ate it but after that you just needed to see a soup bowl to feel depressed. I don't know how Mom retained her sanity but at least she didn't have to plan too hard about what to make for dinner and she didn't have to deal with making separate meals for picky eaters. We didn't have that luxury.

At the risk of having an idiot for a psychiatrist I think I can diagnose my own problem. Because of the lack of variety in the winter meals of my childhood I am obsessed with having variety in my house, especially in the winter. It may be a bit late for New Years resolutions but I'm going to make one anyway. I am going to use up all the old meat in the freezer before I buy any more. I may even cook the darn lutefisk.

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by Noreen Olson



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Grocery Give Away

Don Faryna presents Dorothy Gillrie with a \$50 gift certificate for being one of the two Great Grocery Give Away winners this week.

NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Second semester of school off to a good start

Dear family and friends,

We had a good start to our second semester of school. We lost 3 teachers to furloughs but gained 6 full-time and at least three part-time teachers. That makes things a lot easier for all of us. It is nice to be able to offer more of the electives and to have enough teachers in the middle school. When we look at the staffing situation for next year - considering all those going on furlough or leaving finally - it looks like we could have a situation that will be worse than the beginning of this school year. But we know that God is faithful and there is still time for Him to work and bring people here to fill all the positions. Some of the positions that will be vacant include: first, second and possibly third grades; music (instrumental and choral); middle school English and social studies; high school Spanish, social studies, and computer; and chaplain. Please pray that these positions will be filled with just the people God wants to have here and if you are interested in coming to fill one of these positions, let us know.

Saturday a former Hillcrest teacher got married. She is from the States while he is a Nigerian so the wedding was a combination of both cultures. It made me realize how little I am acculturated to Nigeria. The wedding was much longer than the average North American wedding. It started a half an hour late and lasted for 2 ½ hours. It was much louder than I am used to. The big thing I noticed was that I could not understand the Nigerian English. The groom comes from the east - Igbo land. Many of the people that participated in the wedding, reading scripture, praying, preaching etc. were from that area of the country

and I had a very difficult time understanding what they were saying. I understood very little of the sermon and it lasted about 45 minutes. I did not understand but a few words of one of the prayers. But the bride was radiant and looked very happy, as did the groom. I did not go to the reception but did hear that it finished about 5:00 p.m. (The wedding was to start at 10:00 - so it made for a long day.)

Yesterday at prayer meeting we prayed for some of the single ladies that we know who are working by themselves in difficult areas of Nigeria. One works in the North where there is a lot of persecution of Christian - especially new Christians who were formerly Muslim. Beatings, burning (houses and churches) and arrests are not uncommon. Another lives in a high crime area and more than once has had armed robbers in her house in the middle of the night. Please pray for these ladies as they faithfully work in difficult situations.

So far this semester I have a number of people volunteering in the library. It has been great. We are making real headway with getting the books on the computer for an online catalog. Between the several students working an hour here and there and the former student who has put in about 6 to 7 hours the past few days we have added several hundred books in the last two days. It sure keeps me busy. One step in the process (out of four) I need to do myself so there are days when I am quite a bit behind. We have almost half of the elementary non-fiction section done. As we are entering the books I am also weeding out books. We have lots of old, dated books that are not being used. The information in some of them is so out of date that it is incorrect. My general

criterion is that if the book is as old or older than I am and no one has used it for ten years it is time to pass it on to another library. There are plenty of schools that would love our rejects because they have very few books in their libraries. We will hold a sale in February. The school has decided that we need to sell the books so that the schools receiving them cannot complain that we gave more or better books to one school. All will have equal opportunity to buy the books at 15 - 50 cents depending on the condition of the book. We also get a little money that way to buy books locally for the library.

I am continuing to teach my grade 6 library/research skills class but with a difference. They are 26 kids in the class and we have divided the class into five groups, one group each day. It really gives me the ability to help the kids individually. They will be working on a research project this semester and one of the options is doing it on the computer as a power point presentation. This schedule will also allow me to work with the students more, helping them to prepare their presentations. I have a few students that have a more difficult time staying on task and this will allow me to work more with them and help them to enjoy the research process. I am really looking forward to this class.

In Christ's love,
Janet for the Snyders

Dear family and friends,

This is dry season, but starting Wednesday we had much higher humidity. This makes it easier to breathe and less itchy for the skin. It's still two months or so until the rains begin, so it's nice to have more moisture.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Brown bag lunch returns to Didsbury library

by Marge St. Clair

The Didsbury Lady Curlers have all arrangements in order for their Annual Bonspiel Jan. 29 - Feb. 1. The highlight, besides some great curling of course, will be the "Mardi Gras" theme on Sat. night for the banquet, and the entertainment. There will also be lots of door prizes to be drawn for during the spiel.

Young men and ladies, a challenging experience awaits you if it is in your dreams to be a member of the fire department. Come to the Didsbury Fire Hall on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to pick up an application which is also available at the Town Office or you can phone Rick at 335-9430 for more info. on this volunteer position.

Thurs. Feb. 5

Today the monthly meeting of the Hospital Volunteers will be held in the Assembly Room at the Hospital at 2:00 p.m. New members always welcome.

Thurs. Feb. 5

Do you have a birthday this month? Seniors of the town and district are invited to Eldon Foote Hall from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. to enjoy birthday cake and a sing song.

Thurs. Feb. 5

Brown Bag Theatre starts again today at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon sharp. "Northern Lights" - since the beginning of time, people have gazed into the Polar skies, spellbound by the dancing lights. As the auroral curtains shimmer throughout the film, we experience a visual panorama of animated legends and international space launches as indigenous people and scientists offer their perceptions of the wondrous Northern Lights.

Fri. Feb. 6 & Sat. Feb. 7

This is the annual Red Eye Bonspiel starting at 7:00 p.m. Fri. night. Phone your entries to the Curling Rink 335-3661 or Curtis 335-9402 (evenings).

Sat. Feb. 7

The Mountain View Colts will play Three Hills in the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. Your support will be duly appreciated.

preciated.

Tues. Feb. 10

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club will hold the monthly breakfast at the Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "Where is Your Security?" Special Speaker - Karen Depner - Edmonton. Special Feature - Senior Fraud - R.C.M.P. Special Music - The Duncalfes.

For reservations, please phone Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765. Free baby sitting is supplied by the Women's Club.

Wed. Feb. 11

Bring your "Valentine Sweetheart" to the pot luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre starting at 12:30 p.m. Your favourite meat, casserole, salad or dessert will be enjoyed.

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The Didsbury & District Historical Society will meet at the Museum at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

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Thurs. Feb. 12

The Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at the 5-0 Club. Meet and greet 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., supper at 7:00 p.m., business meeting and election of officers to follow. Your attendance will be appreciated.

Fri. Feb. 13 & Sat. Feb. 14

The Alberta Mennonite Bonspiel is being held at the Didsbury Curling Rink starting Fri. night at 6:00 p.m. Get your entries in to the Curling Rink at 335-3661 or Herman Epp 335-3894.

Fri. Feb. 13

A pre Valentine Ham & Turkey supper is being held at the Carstairs Church of God from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Admission at the door, everyone welcome.

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These services are provided to Veterans and their survivors or other primary care givers to help them live independently in their own homes.

You may be eligible if:

- You are a survivor or another primary care giver of a Veteran who has died since September 1, 1990; and
- The Veteran was receiving these benefits at the time of death or the Veteran was receiving these benefits and died within a year of being admitted to a health care facility.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, call the toll-free number 1 800 443-0382.



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JACKSON W.I.

Founder's day dinner to be held Feb. 20

Ev Robertson as Vice-president of the Jackson W.I. aptly led the first meeting of the year in President Noreen Olson's absence.

She read us an interesting article on "Firsts": The first baby incubator arrived on the scene in 1880.

The first Credit Card was used in the 1920's to buy gasoline. It wasn't until the '50's when the Diner's Club introduced a credit card that was used more widely.

And did you know that the Chinese are attributed for making the first tooth brush - in 1498!

Ten members lustily sang "Happy Birthday" to Darlene Hallett after which we repeated the "Mary Stewart Collect".

Most interesting stories and answers were given in reply to the Roll Call: "How did you get your name?"

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Any group or individual wishing to make a presentation to the committee should register by telephone at: (780) 644-1249 (dial 310-0000 for toll free access outside Edmonton).

If you cannot attend, please submit your comments to: www.gov.ab.ca/albertaincanada/

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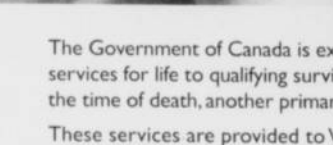


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NEIGHBORHOOD

Local woman awaiting brain surgery

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury resident Crystal Meredith, has suffered with migraine headaches for years, and after those years of pain she was diagnosed with a brain tumour, an AVM, an arteriovenous malformation in the processing centre of her brain that requires surgery to remove it.

Meredith was told by a neurosurgeon to start making immediate arrangements for tests in Toronto. This was months ago, and she and her family played the waiting game for the end of SARS, trying to get her tests scheduled.

"She is my only child," said Lynne Henderson, Meredith's mom. "Her family doesn't deserve this pain."

Due to circumstances Meredith is still waiting for surgery dates knowing there is a 40% chance that the tumour will rupture, she may have an aneurysm, seizure or she could have a stroke, resulting in possible death.

"We don't know what will happen," said Henderson. "All we can do is pray."

This is not the first tragedy for Meredith and her family, just four years ago her husband, Wayne, underwent open-heart surgery to replace his aorta valve that stopped functioning. They replaced it with a mechanical one and he is presently fine, though limited as to what he can do. Wayne is only 30 years old, and Crystal is 28.

"Please, I am asking for help and assistance in any way, shape or form, to raise money to help them out. I plead for community assistance and prayers."

- Lynne Henderson,
Crystal's mother

Through these tragedies, the couple has accumulated debt, as Wayne was unable to work, and had to move in with his parents along with their daughter Montana, who is eight years old. They could not afford to be on their own while going through Wayne's medical problems.

Since both have been unable to work for a period of time it has left them in financial difficulties.

"It was a very difficult time, we had been waiting anxiously to find out results from Crystal's angiogram in Calgary as dates



Crystal Meredith

were changed and things postponed again. That was a horrid test, it was necessary to go through the groin artery, passed her heart and into her brain with the dye. She barely made it through, the doctor had to stop four times, the pain was excruciating as she was awake for responses, said Henderson. "She made it through, thank God, and was to go on to the next step. There is not much of a choice of procedures. The neurosurgeon wanted to try one way first then the other if he has to. That is embolization and/or surgery."

Only 20% of small AVM are fixed with embolization and surgery is usually required with all kinds of risks.

Meredith then had more tests, her iron and blood levels have been low and she was showing signs of other internal infection. Tumours were found under her teeth. The Neurosurgeon was to get a medical team of seven others together before he can do either procedure and it was to be done before Christmas. The doctor felt he might be able to solve it by just embolization but won't know anything for sure until they go in to do it. Meredith may lose more of her vision by doing either procedure as it is in the processing region of the brain and it is very large.

"It looks like a large sac with the major draining vein and artery it is connected to," said Henderson. "They were shown the angiogram videos."

Meredith is no longer able to drive and the loss of sight may be greater than expected. Not necessarily blind but legally (as you'd need to see for driving) and he can't say for sure because everyone is different. Where it is located makes it difficult to say anything. It is not anything to do with the eyes themselves, it is in

the processing centre that determines what you are seeing. The dangers are great with both. If embolization works she wouldn't have open surgery but they can't tell her anything about how effective it is and for how long the glue would work; they use glue or rubber cement to block blood flow or the sac could rupture.

"There are a lot of questions and decisions to make," said Henderson. "She may need both, but he'd start with the one first and hope he wouldn't have to do the other. The doctor feels her case is more rare than the kinds he usually sees. We were looking at anything via net and alternative surgery like the Gamma Knife in the US, but there is no other alternative for her as we have been told that will not work."

Crystal had misgivings about the procedures and then a tragic occurrence happened that brought them home, Wayne's mother had a heart attack and she died shortly after. Crystal would have been in having surgery the same week Wayne's mother passed.

Now, she is going to have surgery at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. They are presently waiting for the CD of tests and angiogram to be sent from Calgary Foothills Hospital to Toronto, it seems it has been lost in the mail over the holidays and the doctor has requested another copy. Then the Neurosurgeon will set surgery dates.

"We are looking to help them out now and for the future as we don't know what it holds," said Henderson. "Wayne just started a new job but they have a mortgage and bills that are getting out of hand. They are struggling and now Wayne is working part-time but they are borrowing to get by and trying desperately to keep up with things. They

are unable to get any insurance coverage and they have no protection what so ever if something happens to either one of them. My granddaughter, Montana is another story, and terrified of losing her mom, as we all are."

"This is very serious and we are praying she will make it through surgery, never mind, if she does we are hoping she will be able to have some type of normal life afterwards," Henderson continued. "She has been going through major trauma, constant headaches, paralysis, loss of speech and memory, and much pain as the AVM is bleeding off and on and she may, we've been told, have been having small strokes. If they don't operate she may have an aneurysm or stroke leading to possible death from the rupture."

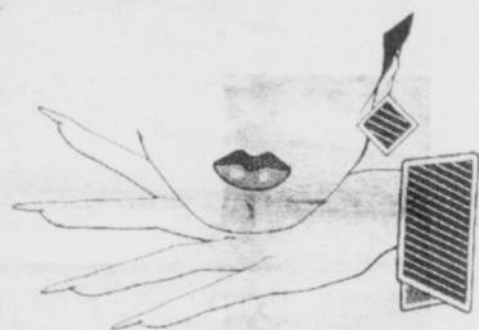
Crystal is going through the grief symptoms and is angry, scared and depressed.

She is trying to keep occupied and is helping with sorting out Wayne's mom's final arrangements.

This is a congenital birth defect, it amazes Henderson that it took so long to diagnose as her daughter has suffered from migraines forever. They have had a history of medical problems, as a child Crystal had 5 eye operations, headaches were associated with her eye trouble, but this is supposed to be unrelated.

"This has been a very stressful time for all of us. I am desperate to help them and decided to take on her cause and try to raise money for them," said Henderson. "Please, I am asking for help and assistance in any way, shape or form, to raise money to help them out. I plead for community assistance and prayers."

Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 442, here in Didsbury. Friends are looking after their house, and will be sure the money gets to them.



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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

Contract talks could soon move forward for teachers

By Shawne Mohl

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) and Alberta Teachers Association #17 are hopeful that their long awaited contract talks can be put on the table and a contract can be signed in the near future.

The local ATA has been without a contract since Aug. 31, 2003, and ATA local president Bob Worsfold says that they will be seeking the same things, such as lower classroom numbers to make learning conditions easier, and will most likely be asking for another pay hike for teachers.

Worsfold says that the CESD board requested that negotiations be put on hold until the report from the learning commission was handed down, adding that he was pleased with what the report had to offer.

"There are some good things in the report, but until the government puts the money forward to implement some of these things there isn't much that can be done," Worsfold said.

CESD Board Chair, Roy Brassard, says that frustration is starting to set in and he would just like to see a "fair" contract signed so that they can move on and focus on what's important - the education of children.

"This thing has dragged on and on and on it concerns us," Brassard said.

The board has sent out a letter to the ATA with a number of meeting dates to open negotiations back up, and Worsfold says that they

will most likely meet with the board on Feb. 4. Brassard also

complimented the learning commission's report. "The Learning Commis-

sion's report was probably one of the best things that came out of the labor strike," Brassard said.

Brassard doesn't feel the

ATA will move towards a labour strike again, and says that both parties in his mind just want to have a contract signed as soon as possible.



photo by Tamara Collins

Red Carpet Winner

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Regional panel to probe domestic violence protection orders

by Frank Dabbs

Justice and social service professionals in Central Alberta knowledgeable about domestic violence aren't satisfied that the legal system is giving the same protection to women and children in the region as they would get in Calgary or Edmonton.

A panel of lawyers, police, hearing officers and other experts will be convened by the Crown prosecutors office and the regional domestic violence steering committee, probably in March, to determine why the system of obtaining emergency protection orders isn't working as well as it should.

There is a problem, said Sylvan Lake lawyer Sharon Crooks. Where it stems from is hard to say at this point. All the evidence is anecdotal.

Crooks says the RCMP, which is involved in obtaining protection orders during crises, say its officers are being turned down too often, and

that the process which requires them to apply by phone for the orders to hearing officers in Calgary or Edmonton is inefficient.

The amount of time it takes and the number of times they are turned down are troubling, Crooks stated.

Crooks, who is also on the executive of the Central Alberta Bar Association, says that there are also ambiguities in the way the province Family Violence Act is being interpreted.

The move to hold a community panel comes in spite of reassurances this month from Justice Minister Dave Hancock that the process in central Alberta for obtaining emergency protection orders during domestic crises is more efficient than appointing a central Alberta Justice of the Peace.

As it stands, an RCMP or child welfare officer calling Calgary or Edmonton for telephone hearings, or an alleged victim goes to Provincial Court in

Red Deer.

The telephone applications can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Although he defended

the present system, Hancock also said his department "continually evaluates service levels and strives to improve."

And he asked for spe-

cific examples of problems that are being encountered to assist in determining whether the normal process is adequate.

"We need specific inci-

dents," Crooks agreed. "Those are difficult to track and document. If the system appears to be working, is it because people are no longer applying (for protection)?"



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Faces

Sleepless in Didsbury



Curtis Mousseau, Organizer

The Didsbury Curling Club has the sure cure for insomnia this winter - the 4th Annual Red Eye Bonspiel.

Beginning Friday, February 6th and running straight through the night to Saturday, February 7th, over 30 rinks of curlers from across the region will sweep and throw their way through the night. And just in case some of you out there fancy yourself as a Tom Hanks or Meg

Ryan look-alike (Sleepless in Seattle), you may even end up winning a prize for your attire thanks to this year's theme: TV and movie characters. "We're going to be giving away prizes this year for individual and team costumes as well as the usual A, B, and C event winners," explains Organizer Curtis Mousseau.

The Red Eye Bonspiel will once again involve shorter games (5-6 ends each), allow-

ing curlers time to relax and enjoy themselves and, most importantly, have fun.

Mousseau says that in keeping with the fun factor of the 12 hour - long event, there will once again be "Human Curling" added to the night's festivities during intermission. Human Curling, he explains, is a "just for fun" competition that involves pushing a teammate down the ice on a plastic circular sled. "This Bonspiel is more

geared to just have a lot of non-competitive fun. The Human Curling idea is a real crowd pleaser, back by popular demand."

The Red Eye Bonspiel is open to anyone (male or female) with a keen interest in meeting new curlers and having fun. Entry rates are \$60.00 per team. Anyone interested in registering for the event can call Mousseau at 335-9402 or the Didsbury Curling Rink at 335-3661.

Hub's junior racing team finds crew chief

There's a group of boys in Didsbury who will be one step closer to fulfilling their dream of one day racing a Dragster thanks to the efforts of a lot of local sponsors and one lady, Georgina Daub.

Daub has recently been named Crew Chief for the 2004 season of the Hub's Junior Dragster Racing Team. While the Dragster itself has a few more modifications to undergo before it will actually "hit the track", Daub is working hard with her crew of 12 to 14-year-old boys to see they're ready to roll come summer.

Part of the driving force (pardon the pun) behind the Racing Team came from the support of such local sponsors as Snap-On Tools, the Household Goods Thrift Store and DCM Homes by Design. "Each of them has pulled together in their own way either providing tools, or exper-

tise, or both to see the dream the participants have of one day racing a Dragster, become a reality."

Daub and her crew meet every Friday night at the Hub to piece the high-performance racing car together. Everything on the Dragster will be built from the frame up by the 12 and 13-year-old boys under the supervision and advice of Daub.

"I always tell the kids never, ever miss an opportunity to learn something," she says. It's an adage Daub has found useful in her own mechanical experience.

"I worked for my father for many years," she says. "He owned a small engine repair shop and I used to fill in whenever he needed help." All the hands-on experience paid off as Daub now is able to instruct others on the intricacies of engine mechanics.

But the theory behind how an engine works is only part of Daub's new job. She will also teach the crew how to build and tune the Dragster's Briggs and Stratton engine and teach them how to maintain the Dragster throughout the racing season.

Once complete, the crew will be able to enter the Dragster in junior-level competitions at race-tracks in Calgary and Edmonton.

"With the Junior Dragsters, they get their experience being on an actual track and being in front of an audience," explains Daub. "We teach them what we can here, but you really have to be doing it to know what to expect."

The "Hub" - for those who may not yet be aware - is an outreach centre located in town just behind the Didsbury Memorial Complex. It was founded and is administered by Chinook

Winds Christian Centre.

Staff members are volunteers from the community and funding for the Hub comes from local area businesses and individuals in the community. The Hub is open Friday evenings from

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm.

Anyone interested in finding out more information about the Hub's Junior Dragster Racing Team can call Bruce Weese at 335-0030 or Dana Munn at 335-4406.



Hub's Junior Dragster Racing Team

Pet portraits take off in Didsbury



Anyone who has owned a pet knows how quickly they can become part of your family - part of your life.

Now, thanks to one aspiring Didsbury-area artist, it's possible to pay tribute to virtually any four-legged member of your family with "Pet Portraits".

Pet Portraits is a business recently created by Tracey Sawatzky involving coloured pencil drawings of primarily (but not limited to) horses, dogs and cats. "I've been drawing pets for family and friends

for a while now and just decided to make this into a business recently...It's really what I love to do," admits Sawatzky.

Sawatzky developed most of her ability as an artist through classes she took while attending high school in St. Albert. But the real "training" she experienced came about through a life-long admiration for horses. "I've always loved horses," she says. "...I guess I love drawing them just about as much as I love riding them."

Sawatzky's passion for all things equine urged her to even-

tually move south and attend Olds College where she learned even more about the animals.

One year as a Christmas present, Sawatzky received a set of professional artist's pencil crayons. "I guess that's what started me drawing again and I began doing more and more portraits."

All told, Sawatzky estimates she has done approximately 30 portraits now. "Dogs and horses are probably the most popular requests I get...but I do find myself do-

ing some on cats now and again."

All Sawatzky's pet portraits are done on specially-textured paper and take an estimated five hours to complete. "As long as I have a really good quality photo to work from, there's usually no problem recreating what a pet looks like."

In addition to portraits, Sawatzky also does greeting cards.

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Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: I've always thought a man should be willing to work and sacrifice to reach his goals. I've heard you say "cool the passion and postpone the dream." That isn't the way I was taught.

DR. DOBSON: There's nothing wrong with having a passion and a dream. It should, however, be kept in balance with other valuable components of your life — your family and your relationship with God being chief among them.

Let me illustrate that need to keep the various components of our lives in perspective. I read an article in the Los Angeles Times about a man named J.R. Buffington. His goal in life was to produce lemons of record-breaking size from the tree in his back yard. He came up with a formula to do just that. He fertilized the tree with ashes from the fireplace, some rabbit-goat manure, a few rusty nails and plenty of water. That spring, the scrawny little tree produced two gigantic lemons, one weighing over five pounds. But every other lemon on the tree was shrivelled and misshapen. Mr. Buffington is still working on his formula.

Isn't that the way it is in life? Great investments in a particular endeavour tend to rob others of their potential. I'd rather have a tree covered with juicy lemons than a record-breaking but freakish crop, wouldn't you? Balance is the word. It is the key to successful living ... and parenting.

Husbands and wives who fill their lives with never-ending volumes of work are too exhausted to take walks together, to share their deeper feelings, to understand and meet each other's needs. This breathless pace predominates in millions of households, leaving every member of the family frazzled and irritable. Husbands are moonlighting to bring home more money. Wives are on their own busy career track. Their children are often ignored and life goes speeding by in a deadly routine. Even some grandparents are too busy to keep the grandkids. I see this kind of overcommitment as the quickest route to the destruction of the family. And there simply must be a better way.

Some friends of mine recently sold their house and moved into a smaller and less expensive place just so they could lower their payments and reduce the hours required in the workplace. That kind of downward mobility is almost unheard of today — it's almost un-American. But when we reach the end of our lives and we look back on the things that mattered most, those precious relationships with people we love will rank at the top of the list.

If friends and family will be a treasure to us then, why not live like we believe it today? That may be the best advice I have ever given anyone — and the most difficult to implement.

So keep your dream and your passion. Work hard to achieve the success you crave. But don't let it become a 5-pound lemon that destroys the rest of your crop. You'll regret it if you do!

QUESTION: When parents need help with sex education, who do you think should provide it?

DR. DOBSON: It is my strong conviction that churches believing in abstinence before marriage and in lifelong marital fidelity should step in and offer their help to families sharing that commitment. Where else will moms and dads find proponents of traditional morality in this permissive day? There is no other agency or institution likely to represent the theology of the church better than the church itself. It is puzzling to me why so few have accepted this challenge, given the attack on biblical concepts of morality today.

A few parents who enroll their children in private schools are able to get the help they need with sex education. Even there, however, the subject is often ignored or handled inadequately. What has developed, unfortunately, is an informational vacuum that sets the stage for far-reaching programs in the public schools that go beyond parental wishes, beginning in some cases with kindergarten children.

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This week I continued the preparations for visitors coming from the States. I've been in e-mail contact with a Nigerian businessman, who is a member of the United Missionary Church of Africa.

He will meet the men at the airport in Lagos and arrange for them to get to Ilorin. From Ilorin I'll be with them until they get on the plane to go back to Lagos. We make plans but God knows what will happen, so we trust Him with the outcome.

This coming week will be one of travel, which is always dangerous in Nigeria. Last weekend, a missionary couple and their three small children were held up by a band of eight robbers. The car and their money were stolen but the family was unharmed.

We thank God for His protection over this young couple. I've made all of the preparations that I can, and I will certainly be careful. This afternoon I'll ask for prayer from our missionary friends here in Jos.

I'm also asking you to pray that my journeys will be safe and uneventful. I'd rather not have stories to tell when I come back.

I need to travel to Abuja, Ilorin, T.M. and Minna. Lord willing, I'll be back in Jos next Monday. The total trip is about 1200 miles (over 1900 km). Please pray.

Janet and I are finding different ways to use our tithe money. We give some each month to a Nigerian veterinarian who is working with the Fulani (nomadic cow herders). His professional skills give him opportunities to speak with these mostly-Muslim

people about their need for Christ.

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Another man that we will be helping to support is working as a missionary in Cameroon, the country just east of Nigeria.

He and his wife worked together there for a year, but their support was not enough to keep them and their family.

The wife is now back here in Jos, selling fried bean-cakes and potatoes so that she can help support her husband. In Nigeria it is not unusual for the husband and wife to

live and work in different places, but it is still a hardship.

We are very impressed with these Nigerians who are serving Christ in some difficult places. We certainly want to support them. However, when we leave Nigeria we probably won't be able to continue the support.

We don't want them to be dependent on our giving so we give moderately to each. We thank God for bringing these people into our lives and giving us the opportunity to be a part of their ministries.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

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The ladies were named after mothers, aunts, fathers and friends. One father named his little daughter a "Darling" and a "Joy"; one name is a derivative from a Spanish relative, another from both sides of the family, and lastly one named to rhyme with her twin!

Our treasurer Marie Olson gave her report. The minutes of the December meeting were read by secretary Darlene Hallett and adopted as read.

Anyone making more book marks should have them ready for the April Conference.

On Wednesday February 11th at 2 PM we will serve the Valentine Tea at the Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs.

Our Founder's Day dinner will be held February 20th at 6.30 PM at the Gold and Silver Centre.

We're planning an ethnic theme and will invite the ladies from Zella and Westbrook to bring their husbands and friends.

Marie Scott displayed 12 beautiful quilt blocks she has made demonstrating many patterns. We are to make up a quilt block representing Alberta's 100 years to be prepared for the Centenary.

Marie will buy the background material and we will discuss the matter further at the February meeting.

Darlene then presented Joan Foat with a Federated W.I. pen and A.W.I. salt and pepper shakers on behalf of the members to thank her for her excellent service as secretary.

Ev reported that she and Marguerite Krebs inspected Marie Olson's treasury books and found they were in excellent order.

The Didsbury Nursing Home Volunteer Tea will be held February 12th. They need to know who will represent groups by Feb. 4th. No one volunteered to attend.

Ev enlarged on Habitat for Humanity as she is now a representative of the program. A house is to be built in Cremona in the future, and many logistics need to be seen to before this comes to fruition.

The affiliation number has been acquired and many volunteers are needed for several positions. Please phone 337-2052 if you

are willing to donate your time and talents.

Elma presented Dorit's "Bit of Fun". We were challenged to answer the quiz "How well do you know Alberta?" by filling in names of Alberta towns after suitable descriptions.

able descriptions.

Lita then presented her Health and Economic Topic. She passed out booklets on Guides for Physical Activity for older adults as well as a sheet on good nutrition.

She then read a paper

on the danger of misdiagnosing Paget's Disease - a rare form of breast cancer.

Afterwards she informed us of many "Household Tips that Work!" Great ideas such as - if you wish to

unseal a letter, place the letter in the freezer for a couple of hours then you can easily slip a knife under the flap and later reseal. Or did you know that if you wrap celery in aluminium foil it will last for weeks?

The next meeting of the Jackson W.I. will be held at Lita Reid's Feb. 25th at 1.30 PM. Guests are welcome.

Ev Robertson adjourned the meeting.

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Sports

Didsbury Seniors Open Bonspiel



The A Event winners of the Seniors Bonspiel were the team of Clarence Martin, Dave Wately, Allan Weimer, Ken Stephen with Delbert Taylor - spare

by Marge St. Clair

Another fantastic week at the Didsbury Curling Rink when 40 teams from Calgary, Cochrane, Carstairs, Innisfail, Sundre, Olds, Torrington & Didsbury gathered for this annual event.

The banquet on Tuesday was just superb and the array of desserts was just unbelievable.

Before the meals, Glenn Buschert led all in Grace.

Curling results are as follows

A Event

1. Trophy winners were Clarence Martin, Dave Wately, Allan Weimer,

Ken Stephen, (Delbert Taylor spare) - Torrington.

2. Ralph Richards, Dennis Remillard, Al Qually, Brian Kroll - Olds.

3. George Taylor, Dale Phillips, Marlene Cardon, Sid Saukarookoff - Sundre.

4. Jim Wilson, Bev Wilson, Everett Blain, Gerry Neumiller - Didsbury.

B Event

1. Harry Reese, Nick Baron, Gary Anning, Roger Hall - Didsbury.

2. Raymond Miller, Jerry Schindeler, Marshall Cullen, Dave Karpshyn - Olds.

3. Bob Beckwith, Box Dixon, Ian



The B Event winners of the Seniors Bonspiel were the team of Harry Reese, Nick Baron, Gary Anning, and Roger Hall.

Cook, Terry McGibbon - Innisfail

4. Don Jamieson, Lawrence Graham, Bert Popovich, Jean Owens - Innisfail.

C Event

1. Hal Winlaw, Rick McDonald, Fergus Hill, Ken Holden - Calgary.

2. Carson Schultz, Lucy Newsome, Bill Clarke, Brian Dingman - Didsbury.

3. Ray Desgagne, Gordon Luft, Alice Buschert, Gordie Sorenson - Didsbury.

4. John Neufeld, Abe Martens, Ernie Fredine, A.J. Lissel - Didsbury.

4th Event

1. Jerry Maybank, Borgney Boger,

Kathy Ellenton, Don Watkins - Olds.

2. Dick Smethurst, Roland Gamber, Victor Weimer, Betty Vorachek - Olds.

3. Dennis Sinclair, Eric Allen, Arleen Herrick, Jake Jacobs (Marianne Schultz, spare) - Didsbury.

4. Ross Holmes, Jay Neufeld, Doris Neufeld, Bill Holmes - Olds.

George Van Vleit, seniors coordinator gives a huge "Thumbs Up" to the many volunteers who worked in the kitchen and bar all week, and to the ladies for all the desserts and homemade soup for a variety each day. Many compliments were received for these volunteers.

Grizzlys gaining momentum

by Barry Williams

Heading into the final month of the Alberta Junior Hockey League, the Olds Grizzlys are gaining momentum.

With home ice victories over the St. Albert Saints and the Crownsnest Pass Timberwolves, the Grizzlys have set themselves up for a run at the AT&T Rogers Wireless South Division championship.

With four games in hand over the current South Division leaders, Camrose Kodiaks, the Grizzlys, nine points back of the front runners, can creep up on the Kodiaks and make the run for the division lead very interesting heading into the stretch run.

Head Coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, is content with the Grizzlys play to date and is confident the team will be playing their best hockey when the AJHL play-offs commence in early March.

According to Cox, the players are now focussing on the post season play

and fine tuning their game to peak in the play-offs.

A potent offensive threat coupled with a stingy defence was evident on home ice this past week, as the Grizzlys skated past the St. Albert Saints 3-1 on Thursday Jan.22 and devoured the Timberwolves 6-2 on Saturday Jan.24.

Against the Saints, goals were a rare commodity as Saints' netminder, Jordan Erickson stymied the Grizzlys' sharpshooters robbing them on numerous scoring opportunities. Erickson was brilliant between the pipes for the Saints making 54 saves.

Meanwhile, the Saints' offence fizzled as the tenacious forechecking by the Grizzlys kept the puck in the Saints end for most of the game.

With just 14 shots to handle through the game, Grizzlys' netminder, Nathan Lawson, could have taken an extended coffee break or read the newspaper during the contest.

The only Saint to dent the twine behind Lawson was Brad Macnab, the

Saints leading scorer.

For the Grizzlys, Tyler Grover notched a shorthanded marker and a power play goal to pace the Grizzlys offensively. Jeff Royston rounded out the Grizzlys scoring.

Against the Timberwolves, six different players shared the Grizzlys scoring as the Grizzlys dominated the game right from the opening whistle. Mark Smyth, Darcy Campbell, Jeff Royston, Aaron Conlon, Brett Hopfe and Shea Hamilton blinked the red light.

Notching goals for the Timberwolves were Kevin Richardson and Mike Dube.

Meanwhile, the expansion Drumheller Dragons increased their chances of making the play offs with a hardfought 4-3 victory over the Grizzlys in action played in Drumheller Friday, Jan. 23.

A two goal performance by Jeff Laschowski paced the Dragons' scoring. Singletons were added by Justin Ruggiero and Mike Boyer.

For the Grizzlys, Tyler Hilbert, Aaron Conlon and Jimmy Kerr blinked the red light.

The victory for the Dragons was extremely important as it allowed them to creep closer to the final play-off berth. A 5-3 home-ice victory over the Lloydminster Blazers on Saturday, Jan.24 enabled the Dragons to pass the Brooks Bandits and move them to two points behind the Crownsnest Pass Timberwolves and a possible post season appearance.

The Dragons have racked up 39 points so far this season and are one of the best expansion teams to enter the AJHL in recent years.

This week, the Grizzlys hit the road for games against the Calgary Canucks on Monday, Jan. 26, the Sherwood Park Crusaders on Wednesday, Jan. 28 and the Brooks Bandits on Saturday Jan.31.

Their next home game at the Olds Sportsplex is on Friday, Feb. 6 against the Canmore Eagles.

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OBITUARY

BODIE - Bonnie Bodie passed away January 17, 2004 in the Sundre Hospital at the age of 54 years. She is survived by her son Randy, daughter Cindy; brother Don (Peggy), sister-in-law Donna; her Aunt Violet; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews and many friends. Bonnie was predeceased by her mother, father, brothers Robert & Myles and sister Marie. Bonnie was loved by all children. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bergen Missionary Church with Pastor Ritchie White officiating. Interment followed in the Bergen Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Canadian Cancer Society. As a tribute to Bonnie Bodie, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park (Olds). Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. (Olds Funeral Home & Crematorium) entrusted with arrangements.

JANSSEN - EDNA MAY 1951-2003 - Edna May Janssen passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Hospital on Saturday, December 20, 2003 at the age of 52, after a courageous battle with cancer. Edna was born on April 18, 1951 in Didsbury, Alberta. Edna will be lovingly remembered by her husband Hans Janssen of Didsbury; her mother Mary Hooper of Didsbury; her sister Rita (Hugo) Schwandt of Didsbury; her brothers, Rob (Chris) Hooper of St. Walburg, Sk. Dave (Annette) Hooper of Didsbury, and Ralph (Virginia) Hooper of Calgary. She will also be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, stepdaughters, stepson and eight step-grandchildren. Edna was predeceased by her father James Marshall Hooper. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, December 28, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury. In memory of Edna, donations may be made to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. As a memorial tribute to Edna Janssen, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds, Olds Funeral Home and Crematorium entrusted with arrangements. Edna graduated from Didsbury High School in 1970. She attended Hillcrest Christian College in Medicine Hat, Ab. She also attended Business College in Medicine Hat. She worked in Medicine Hat & Lethbridge. Upon returning to Didsbury she worked at Remax Realty and in the Didsbury Appliance business with her husband, Hans. Edna loved playing the piano and enjoyed music. She used her gifts in the church and community. She will be missed by her loved ones and friends.



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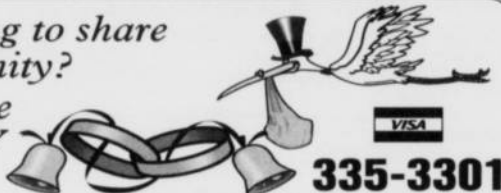
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Thanks to all the caring people who sent cards & flowers to us on the loss of dad, Ward Eby. Also thanks for your prayers & phone calls, we really appreciated this, as well as all your wonderful support. We would also like to thank Mountain View Ambulance for their time. Without them, mom could not have attended dad's funeral. Thanks guys, you don't know how much that meant to us! Last, but not least, thanks to Ken Sherick & Neil Redpath for their compassion.

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We the family of the late Gertie Pratt wish to thank everyone for tributes, flowers, phone calls, and visits to our homes. A special thank-you to the Didsbury Hospital Unit 3 for the wonderful care given to our Mother for the last seven years. Also a thank-you to Doctor Puts and Barb McClean, and the rest of the staff.

We, the family of Gladys Hughes wish to thank the staff and doctors of the Didsbury Hospital for the excellent care given Gladys during her extended stay there. Also thank you to Ken Bushert for playing the organ and the Elkon Willing Workers for providing lunch. Thank you also to Rev. Nancy Nourse for the wonderful service. Dave, Gay Hughes & family.

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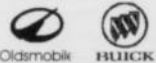
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Didsbury & District Community Bus

Stage West "Remember Me". A romantic comedy on Wednesday, March 17, 2004. Cost \$45.00. Money must be in by Feb. 20, 2004. Bus leaves the 5-0 Club at 10:00 a.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 for reservations.

DIDSBURY

Mountainview Christian Women's Breakfast
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Didsbury's Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. \$5.00 per person. Topic - "Where is Your Security?" Reservations by calling Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765. Free babysitting.

Didsbury Youth Justice Committee

Regular monthly meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Didsbury RCMP detachment at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

DIDSBURY

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The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 335-2270.

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

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DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs. 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. Join us for an Asperger's discussion on Tues. Oct. 14 6:30 - 7:30. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets every 2nd Thursday. Once a month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westgren from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL

HEALTH CLINIC

Free, confidential walk-in counseling the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 12 - 4 p.m. Phone 335-7285.

OLDS

W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

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